

October 7, 2005

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 658

Dear Mr. Williams:

Pursuant to the Notice in this Docket served September 14, 2005, Union Pacific Railroad Company intends to participate in the October 19, 2004 hearing on the impact, effectiveness, and future of the Staggers Act. Representing the company will be James R. Young, President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Young requests 15 minutes. He will address progress under the Staggers Act, the industry's current economic condition, and the relationship between federal regulation and the nation's future transportation requirements, as well as other topics that may be of interest to the Board.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Michael Hemmer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

J. Michael Hemmer  
Sr. Vice President – Law and  
General Counsel